

**DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY
SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT (SDWA)**

Approval of Additional Aquifer Exemptions

1. **AUTHORITY.** To approve certain additional aquifer exemptions requested by the State Director after EPA approval of the State Underground Injection Control (UIC) program in accordance with 40 CFR 144.7.
2. **TO WHOM REDELEGATED.** To the Director, Water Division, or equivalent.
3. **LIMITATIONS.** This delegation does not include authority to exempt any aquifer containing water less than 3000 mg/l TDS relating to Class 1 injection or not relating to a specific permitting action except for enhanced recovery operations authorized by rule.
4. **REDELEGATION AUTHORITY.**
 - a. This authority may not be redelegated.
 - b. An official who redelegates an authority retains the right to exercise or withdraw the authority. Redelegated authority may be exercised by any official in the chain of command down to the official to whom it has been specifically redelegated.
5. **SUPERSESSION.** This delegation supersedes R10 9-26 (05/28/2004) and any other delegation of the same authority.
6. **ADDITIONAL REFERENCES.**
 - a. 40 CFR 144.7.
 - b. Guidelines on Technical Criteria for Reviewing Aquifer Exemption Requests, included in GWPB Guidance #33.
 - c. EPA Delegation 9-26.

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